PROJECT EX NIHILO

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Day 3

I don't know what day it is. I believe it's the third day I woke up in this cursed forest. I see... MONSTERS...Everywhere...

OK, I somewhat calmed down. Had a panic attack! I think I have some kind of panic issues. I don't know when did I last took a bite. My stomach is crying. I don't know who or where am I. The last memory I have is waking up in this cursed forest 3 days ago. The moment I woke up, a hunched-back monster started chasing me! After running for who knows how long, I found this weird cottage. Weirdly enough, the monsters didn't enter this cottage. I don't know why. I was too tired to think and slept right on the floor. The next day, I searched this whole cottage, but didn't find anything except two pieces of paper. I was too afraid to go out to find food. The monster could be lying in wait for me. I had to sleep through the whole day (and night) with an empty stomach.

Still Day 3

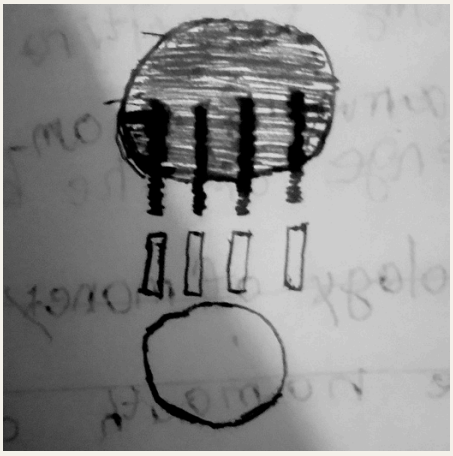
Today I decided to write a secret diary. So I can pass through the time and forget my hunger for a while. I believe I will burn these down when I get out of this hell forest. I know, someone will rescue me for sure!

Day 4

It's been 4 days! Today I finally decided to go out...the monsters were nowhere. I found a strange place with 4 massive pillars. I was there till the sunset. The 4 pillars became twice the size when the sun sets in the western sky! I had to run back after the sunset. I didn't find any food in the whole jungle, but I saw a strange eye in the tree. It was looking at me...From far away...

Day 5

I found an art paper and some more paper. Decided to go to that weird place from yesterday and draw what I saw for clear understanding!



This is pretty much what it looked like!

Day 6

Today I went to the place where I first woke up! I found a weird lab report there. I had to wait until I reach the cottage, cause some monsters started chasing me from out of nowhere! I have been constantly dreaming about these monsters and a girl laughing...

PROJECT EX NIHILO

SUBJECT ID: 3M (Female, approx. 19 yrs)

FACILITY: Site-09 / Sub-level 4

CHIEF PATHOLOGIST: Dr. [redacted]

OBJECTIVE: Locating "Self"

ISAAC ALEXEI
CHIEF PATHOLOGIST

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Subject 3M is an average biological specimen. No extraordinary results found in genetic or physical screenings. This lack of distinction is the primary reason for selection. The subject provides a clean, unremarkable slate for the planned disassembly and multi-stage cellular fusion.

II. SUBJECT PROFILE

Subject 3M secured. Background history irrelevant. Initial physical state suggests standard developmental markers. Biological assets confirmed for total reclamation.

PHYSICAL OBSERVATIONS

Specimen exhibits a paper blank facial expression. No discernible unique features. Skin tone is ordinary. No physical anomalies detected. Subject shows zero resistance during sensory deprivation testing. Reactivity to pain stimuli is within the 40th percentile.

PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSTICS

Initial screenings indicate a baseline biological substrate:

- Blood Type: O Positive
- Neural Plasticity: 42% (Optimal for grafting)
- Cellular Regeneration: 12mm/hour (Stable)
- Pulse Rate: 72 BPM (Steady under duress)

why am I reading this? where is Site-09? I think I saw this 19 year old girl in my dreams...

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Skull)

[LOG DAY 04 - 02:45 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Cranial Resection (External)

OBSERVATION: The extraction of the skull was performed with standard surgical precision. Subject 3M's physical resistance remained negligible, though the neural monitoring equipment spiked as the bone was separated from the underlying tissue.

- Status of Bone Assets: The skull has been scrubbed of all organic residue. It remains a "hollow" vessel.
- Asset Redirection: Due to the Subject's lack of "self," the skull has been marked for disposal/storage.

[LOG DAY 05 - 03:00 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Cranial Resection (External)

OBSERVATION: Following the successful extraction of the skull from Subject 3M, the bone was deemed surplus to current hybrid requirements.

- RECIPIENT: Failure 01 (Designation: "SUBJECT 1E").
- INTERACTION: Asset placed in the Sub-level 4 collection pit. Failure 01 approached with high-velocity erratic movement. It secured the 3M cranium with a grip strength exceeding 200 psi.
- RESULT: Failure 01 has integrated the skull into its "trophy" cycle. It appears to be more stable now that it has a new weight to balance its gait.

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They took her head. They talk about it like they're fixing a car. I can hear something clicking in the woods outside the cottage. I can almost hear her laughing...Like in the dreams

RECIPIENT: FAILURE 01 (Designation: "SUBJECT 1E")

- SKELETAL INTEGRATION: The subject has secured the 3M cranium with a grip strength exceeding 200 psi.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Dermal Translucency; all biological organs can be seen with bare sight.
- LOCOMOTION: Gait is balanced by the new skeletal weight, moving with high-velocity erratic movement.
- CRANIAL STATUS: The integrated 3M skull has been scrubbed of all organic residue, remaining a "hollow" vessel.
- BEHAVIORAL NOTES: Subject has integrated the biological waste into its "trophy" cycle.

Yesterday, something like this one hunted me for hours

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Face)

[LOG DAY 07 - 11:25 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Dermal Flaying (Facial)

OBSERVATION: The facial dermis was harvested in a single, continuous sheet. The lack of distinguishing features mentioned in the preliminary diagnostics made the peeling process exceptionally clean.

- GRAFTING POTENTIAL: The elasticity is high.
- REDIRECTION: This sheet is to be delivered to Sub-level 6 for the "Predatory Lure" project.
- REFERENCE: Failure 02 requires a more "human" interface to improve prey attraction. 3M's face is unremarkable enough to be universally approachable.

[LOG DAY 08 - 14:45 HRS]

PROCEDURE: External Grafting / Adhesive Bonding.

OBSERVATION: Subject 3M's facial dermis has been chemically treated for long-term preservation and transferred to the Lure Lab.

- RECIPIENT: Failure 02 (Designation: "SUBJECT 2U").
- INTERACTION: The 3M "mask" was applied over the primary sensory organ of Failure 02. The blank, unremarkable features of 3M provide the perfect camouflage for luring prey within the facility's dark corridors.
- RESULT: Failure 02 has successfully mimicking human vocal distress patterns behind the 3M skin-gate. Efficiency in "prey-to-predator" distance closure has increased by 65%.

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I found a mirror. I don't recognize the man looking back. Am I in these files?

RECIPIENT: FAILURE 02 (Designation: "SUBJECT 2U")

- INTERFACE TYPE: "Human" interface utilized for predatory attraction.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Dermal Flaying; the facial skin was harvested in a single, continuous sheet.
- GRAFTING STATUS: Adhesive Bonding; the blank 3M "mask" has been applied over the subject's primary sensory organ.
- VOCAL ABILITY: Subject successfully mimics human vocal distress patterns behind the 3M skin-gate.
- EFFICIENCY RATING: 65% increase in "prey-to-predator" distance closure.
- ELASTICITY: High; the lack of distinguishing features allowed for an exceptionally clean peeling and grafting process.

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Brain)

[LOG DAY 09 - 22:20 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Neural Isolation

OBSERVATION: The brain is now fully exposed. We are preparing the botanical-spider matrix for fusion.

- ANOMALY: Despite the absence of a face or skull, the exposed musculature around the jaw area has begun to pull upward.
- DIAGNOSIS: A permanent rictus. It appears to be a somatic delusion; the subject seems to believe that maintaining the physical geometry of a "smile" will invalidate the incoming sensory trauma.
- ACTION: Proceed with grafting. The smile is a useful psychological anchor for the matrix.

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My hands won't stop shaking. I tried to draw the trees (see cover). The lines keep turning into veins.

III. Primary Disarticulation (Right Hand)

[LOG DAY 11 - 23:40 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Intravenous Injection of Arachnid-Hybrid Stem Cells.

OBSERVATION: The severed right hand was injected with a proprietary cocktail of spider-crab DNA. This was done to arrest post-mortem decay and stimulate a new, artificial "Self".

- CELLULAR INTEGRATION: The muscle fibers have tightened, and the fingernails have elongated into chitinous hooks.
- LOCOMOTION: The hand now exhibits high-speed scuttling. It no longer relies on the subject's central nervous system, having developed its own localized neural cluster.
- MAINTENANCE: It requires no sustenance other than the facility's biological runoff. It has been designated an "Autonomous Parasite."

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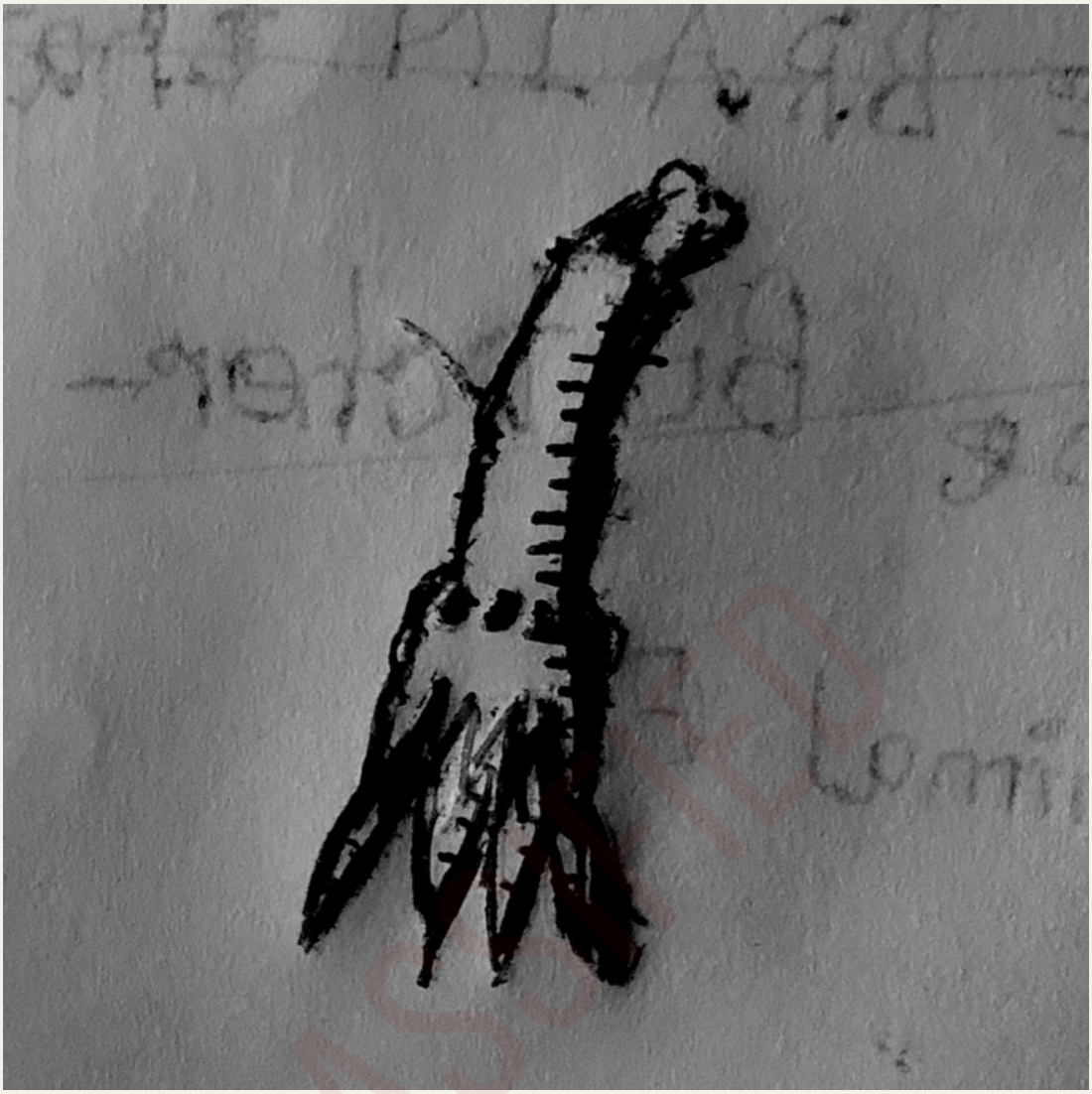

RECIPIENT: SEVERED RIGHY HAND (AUTONOMOUS PARASITE)

- ASSET SOURCE: Severed right hand of Subject 3M.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Synthetic Chitinization; muscle fibers have tightened significantly following intravenous injection of arachnid-hybrid stem cells.
- LOCOMOTION: High-speed scuttling. The unit no longer relies on the subject's central nervous system, having developed its own localized neural cluster.
- MORPHOLOGY: Fingernails have elongated into chitinous hooks for environment navigation and biological anchoring.
- MAINTENANCE: Self-sustaining; requires no external sustenance other than the facility's standard biological runoff.
- OBJECTIVE: Stimulate an artificial "Self" to arrest post-mortem decay.

Dr. Alexei... I hate the way you write.

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Brain)

[LOG DAY 12 - 08:30 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Success of the Botanical-Spider Infusion Matrix.

OBSERVATION: The neural architecture of Subject 3M has been successfully integrated into the arbor-matrix. By utilizing high-density spider-cell scaffolding, we have prevented the typical necrotic collapse of brain tissue. The specimen is no longer a passive organ but an active, artificial life form.

- OCULAR MANIFESTATION: A single, large ocular bulb has gestated within the center of the brain mass. This eye is fully functional, exhibiting rapid pupillary constriction when exposed to lab lighting.
- STRUCTURAL SUPPORT: The brain is now supported by a network of calcified tree branches and spider-like tentacles, allowing for limited mobility within the containment vat.
- SOMATIC ANOMALY: A primary orifice has formed at the base of the neural tissue. Despite the absence of a nervous system to process pleasure, the mouth remains locked in a permanent, wide-set smile.
- PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT: Analysis of the "Smiling Brain" suggests a final, desperate neurological loop. The subject appears to be psychologically anchored to the rictus, manifesting a physical smile as a biological shield to convince itself that the trauma is nonexistent.

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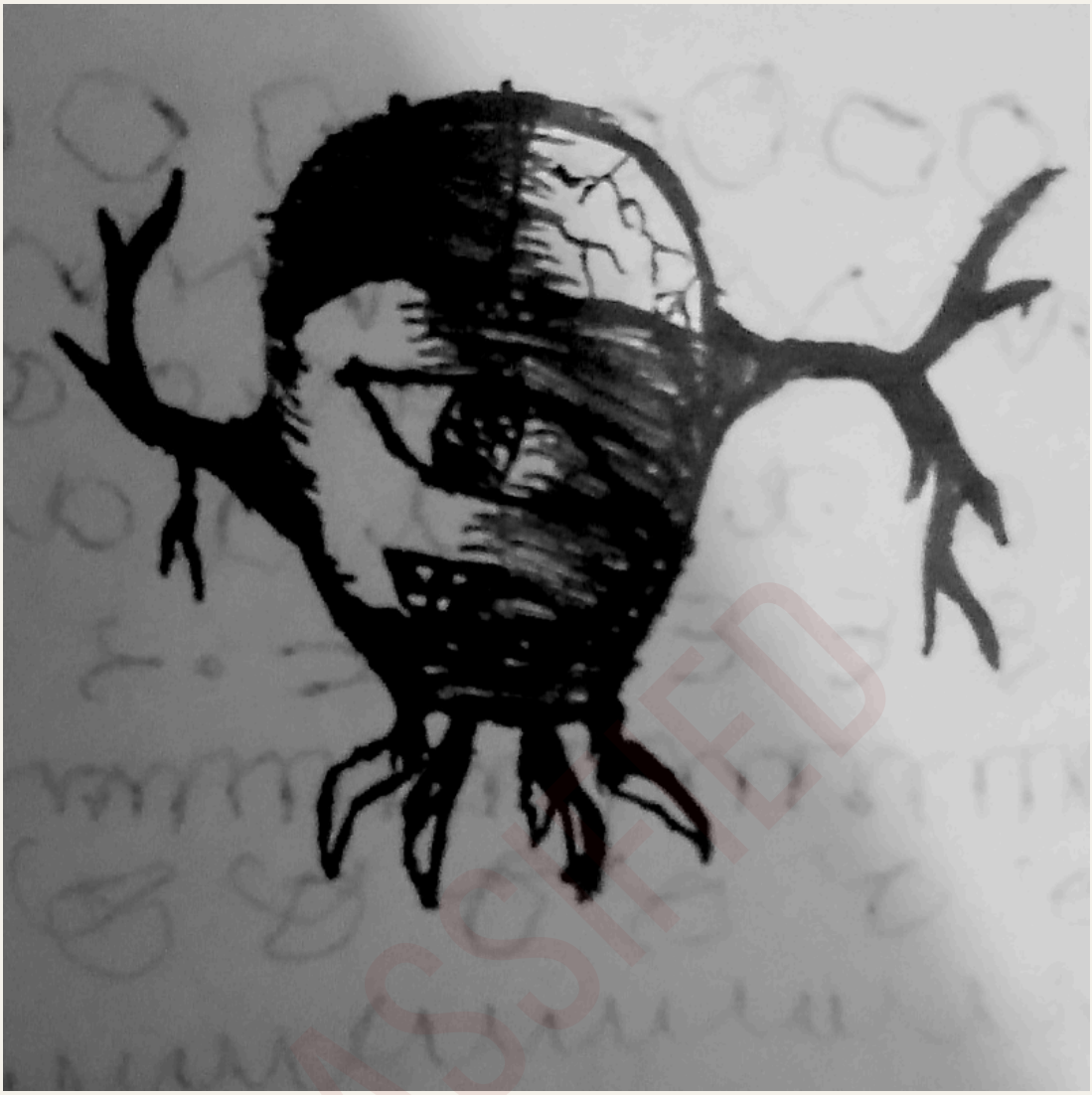

RECIPIENT: SMILING BRAIN (Designation: "THE ARBOR-MATRIX")

- ASSET SOURCE: Neural architecture of Subject 3M.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Arborized Neural Tissue; the typical necrotic collapse was prevented by utilizing high-density spider-cell scaffolding.
- STRUCTURAL SUPPORT: The mass is supported by a network of calcified tree branches and spider-like tentacles, allowing for limited mobility.
- OCULAR MANIFESTATION: A single, fully functional large ocular bulb gestated within the center of the brain mass.
- SOMATIC ANOMALY: A primary orifice at the base remains locked in a permanent, wide-set smile.
- DIAGNOSIS: Somatic Delusion; the subject manifests a physical smile as a biological shield to convince itself the trauma is nonexistent.

A brain in a spider-matrix. The 'Smiling Brain.' I dreamt about a garden where the flowers had teeth.

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Torso)

[LOG DAY 14 - 05:15 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Subcutaneous Injection of Blattodea (Insect) Replicator Cells.

OBSERVATION: To prevent the "average biological specimen" from rotting, the torso was hollowed out and reinforced with synthetic chitin. The lack of "distinction" in 3M's physical screenings allowed the insectoid cells to overwrite her human biology without rejection.

- STRUCTURAL FUSION: The ribs were manually fractured and reset to provide a protective "underbelly" for a hive cluster.
- ARTIFICIAL LIFE: The internal organs have been replaced by a pulsing, roach-like mass. The torso now acts as a mobile habitat.
- STIMULI RESPONSE: While the torso's reactivity to pain was originally in the 40th percentile, it now shows zero response. The biological "3M" is effectively gone; the insectoid colony is the primary occupant.

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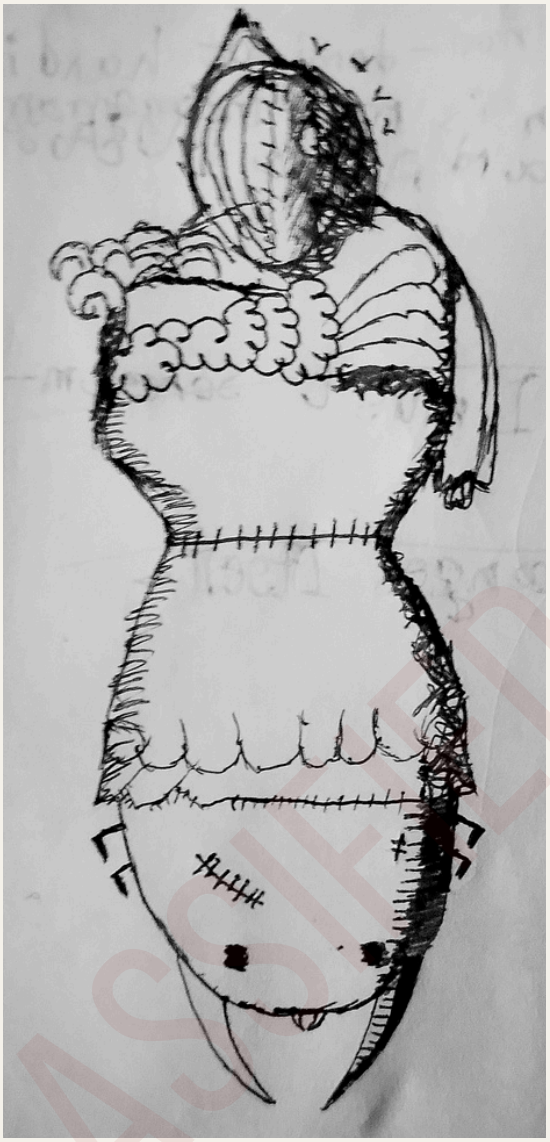

HIVE HABITAT (Designation: "TORSO MOBILE UNIT")

- ASSET SOURCE: Hollowed thoracic and abdominal cavity of Subject 3M.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Synthetic Chitinization; the unremarkable biological substrate was overwritten with insectoid replicator cells.
- STRUCTURAL FUSION: Ribs were manually fractured and reset to provide a protective "underbelly" for a pulsing, roach-like mass.
- INTERNAL COLONY: All original human organs have been replaced by a Blattodea hive cluster, which now serves as the primary occupant.
- STIMULI RESPONSE: Zero response to pain. While the original specimen's reactivity was in the 40th percentile, the biological "3M" is now effectively gone.
- MAINTENANCE: Mobile habitat; the unit functions as a self-sustaining biological vehicle for the replicator cells.

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Skull)

[LOG DAY 15 - 19:00 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Distribution of Miscellaneous Biological Waste.

OBSERVATION: With the "Total Reclamation" nearly complete, the remaining scraps of 3M's ordinary skin and muscle were delivered to the lower pits.

- RECIPIENT: Failure 01 (SUBJECT 1E).
- INTERACTION: Failure 01 has used the reinforced muscle fibers to "stitch" the 3M skull more securely to its own frame.
- RESULT: The failure now moves with the skeletal weight of 3M as a permanent fixture.

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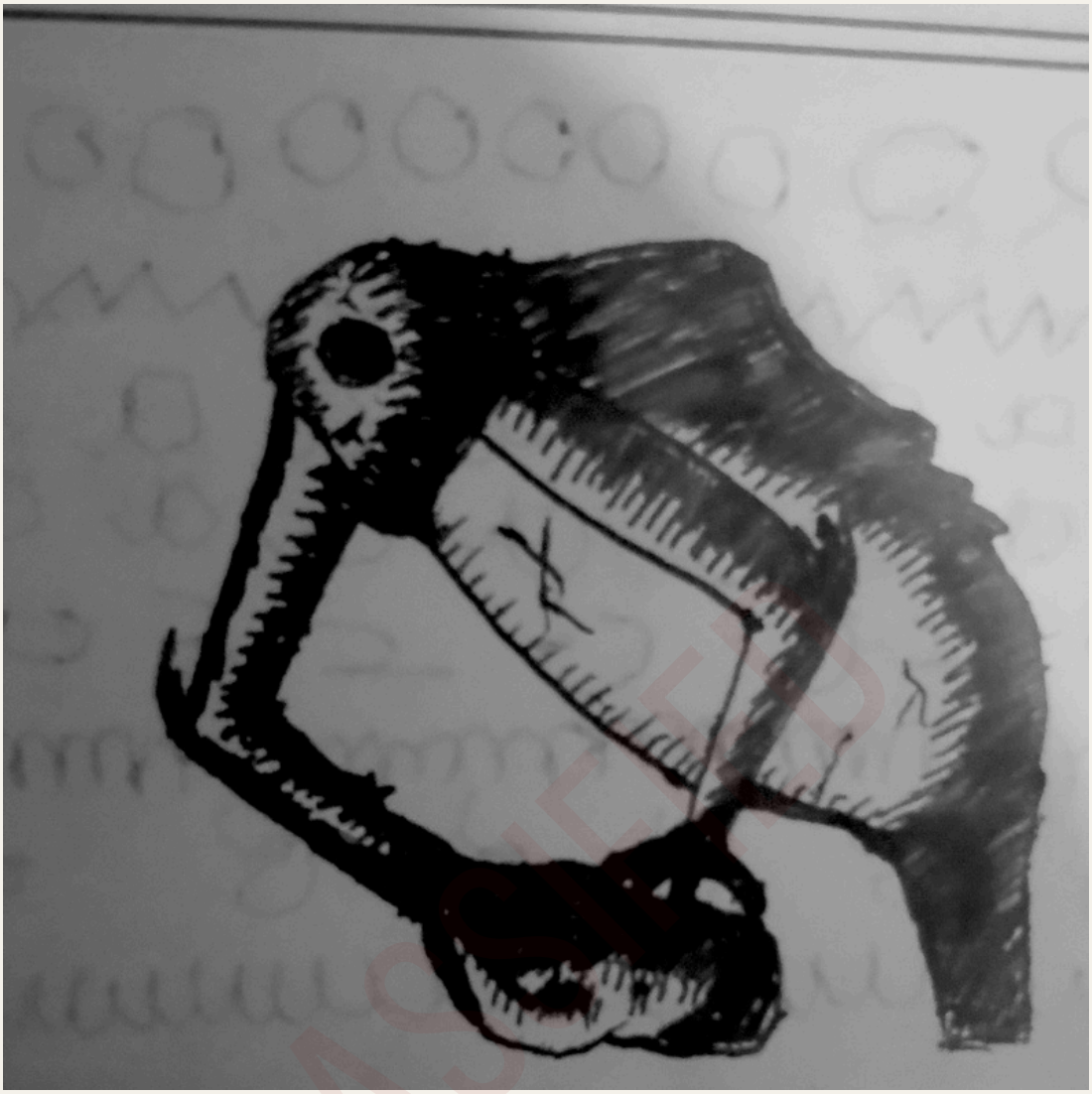

RECIPIENT: FAILURE 01 (Designation: SUBJECT 1E)

- ASSET INTEGRATION: This specimen's evolution is defined by its obsession with the 3M cranium, which it secured with a grip strength exceeding 200 psi.
- SKELETAL FIXATION: Initially, it utilized the 3M skull as a ballast to stabilize its gait during high-velocity erratic movements.
- EVOLUTIONARY ADAPTATION: In later stages, it used reinforced muscle fibers harvested from 3M to permanently "stitch" the skull to its own frame.
- DERMAL TRANSFORMATION: The subject has shed its primitive horns and developed a layer of thick, dark fur to camouflage its original dermal translucency.
- BEHAVIORAL SYNERGY: The failure now moves as a unified biological mass with the skeletal weight of 3M as a permanent fixture.

They are watching. Every knot in the wood of this cottage looks like an eye. Ocular status: Optimal. My status: Dying. (Ignoe the bad humor)

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III. Primary Disarticulation (Heart)

[LOG DAY 20 - 01:15 HRS]

PROCEDURE: Final Cardiac Integration into the Heterogeneous Mass.

OBSERVATION: Subject 3M's heart remained the only "unremarkable" organ that had not yet been reassigned. It has now been utilized as the primary pump for the Level 5 Heavy-Class Chimera.

- ANATOMICAL ASSEMBLY: A massive biological construct comprising a mammalian (Elephant) cranial unit, cephalopod (Octopus) neural-tentacles, and reptilian (Snake) caudal appendages has been stitched into a singular monkey-based frame.
- THE HEART GRAFT: The heart was sewn directly into the center of the thoracic cavity. Upon stimulation, the 3M heart began to drive blood through the mismatched vascular systems of the various species with surprising efficiency.
- LOCOMOTION: The creature is a masterpiece of geometry. The snake tails provide stability, while the octopus tentacles handle fine manipulation.
- THE STAFF: The chimera has been observed holding a skeletal staff, a vertical arrangement of ribs and vertebrae. It carries this with the same "blank" persistence that 3M displayed during her initial screenings.

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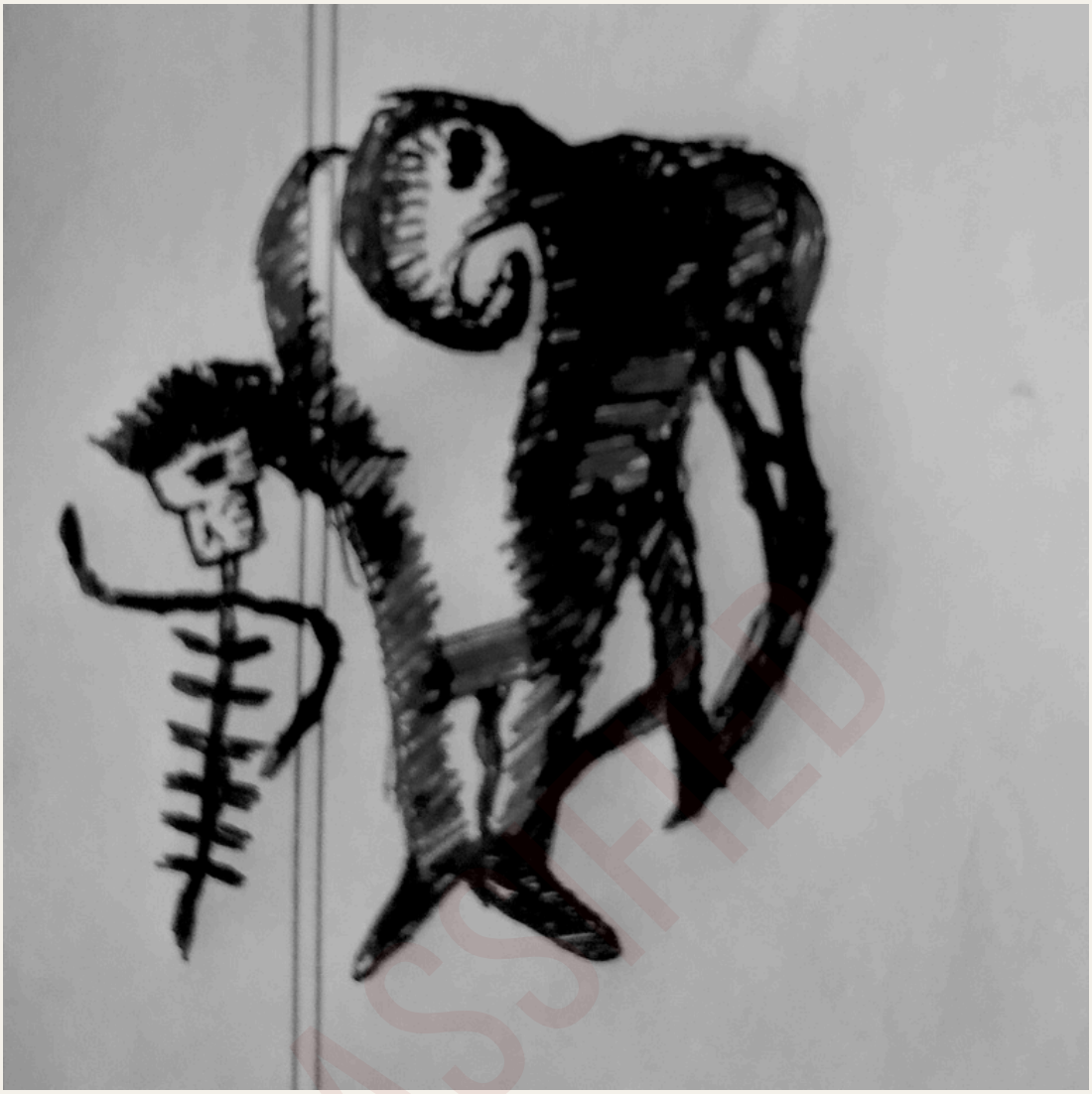

RECIPIENT: LEVEL 5 HEAVY-CLASS CHIMERA

- ASSET SOURCE: Cardiac unit (Heart) of Subject 3M.
- SKIN TEXTURE: Heterogeneous Mass; a coarse, singular monkey-based frame used to anchor mismatched biological systems.
- ANATOMICAL ASSEMBLY:
  - Cranial Unit: Mammalian (Elephant).
  - Neural-Tentacles: Cephalopod (Octopus) for fine manipulation.
  - Caudal Appendages: Reptilian (Snake) tails utilized for stabilization.
- CARDIAC STATUS: The 3M heart drives blood through the mismatched vascular systems with "surprising efficiency" following stimulative graft.
- EQUIPMENT: Observed utilizing a skeletal staff, a vertical arrangement of ribs and vertebrae.
- BEHAVIORAL NOTES: Exhibits the same "blank" persistence recorded in 3M during initial screenings.

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IV. Final Assessment

We have the Brain. We have the Heart. We have the Face and the Body. But the Subject is not "here".

Where does she actually live?

Is she the Smiling Brain?
Is she the Skull Snatcher?
Is she the Face Stealer?

The truth is, "Self" was never a solid object to begin with. It's something one have to constantly create.

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She lives in my head. She lives in the woods. She is the forest now.

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Day 9

Those documents were horrifying... How could they do this to a girl? I clearly remember how she was laughing in my dreams. I don't know what her name is. But I think I will remember soon... If only my hunger fades away...

Day 12

I didn't write anything for 3 days. There was nothing to write. But At this moment, I feel too much hunger. I am still waiting for the rescuers. Maybe I didn't pay enough taxes, that's why the government is delaying my search. If they find me, I will surely report those mad scientists to the govern

Day 14

Today I saw that monster with the girls face. He was showing me something. And I just realized I slept before finishing...

Day 16

I found some blood photographs and some drawings! Maybe it was the girl's drawings. They looked too weird to me, but maybe carries too much weight for a hungry man to ever understand.

Day 17

I thought I won't write, but now I think I should write. One last time. I don't think I will ever be rescued from this place alive. Maybe the government will find my rotting body. Maybe nothing will be left for them to find. Maybe my body will be eaten by the mosters. Either way, I am still hungry and clinging to the slight hope of the government finding me...

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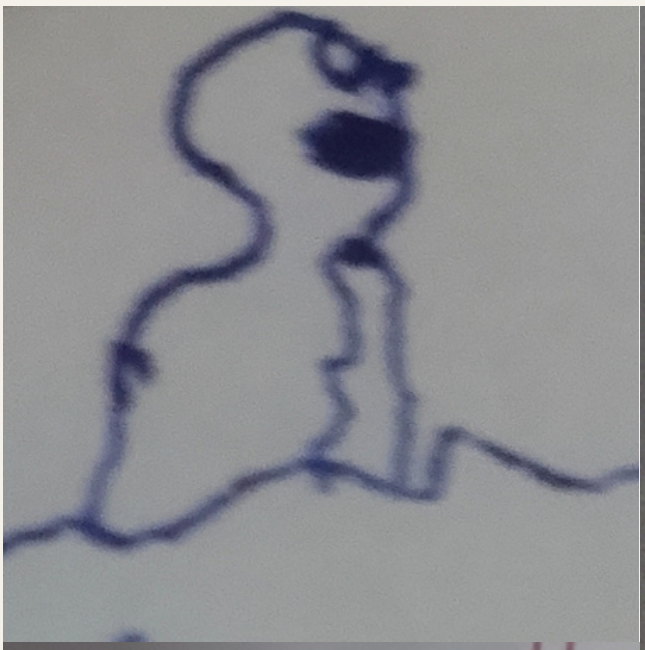

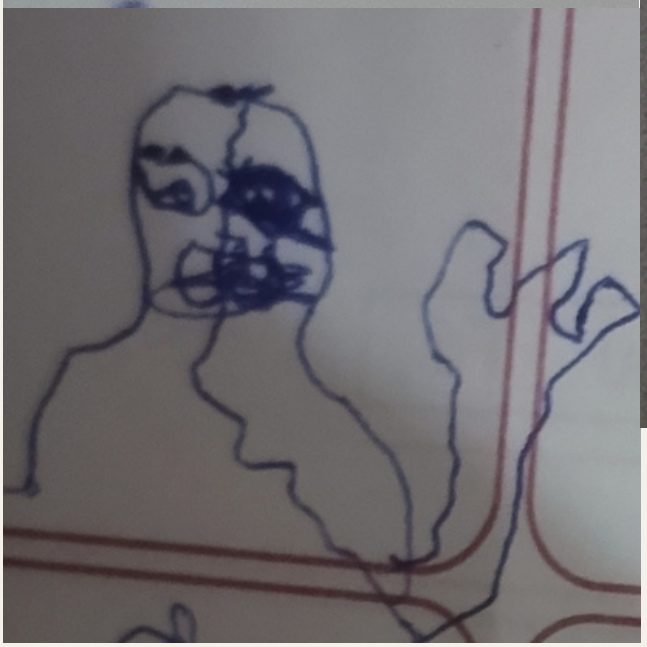

Subject to be stored

PRE-TESTING BLOOD SAMPLE OF SUBJECT 3M

Initial screenings indicate a baseline biological substrate:

- Blood Type: O Positive
- Neural Plasticity: 42% (Optimal for grafting)
- Cellular Regeneration: 12mm/hour (Stable)
- Pulse Rate: 72 BPM (Steady under duress)

Subject to be stored

Day 25

Today marks the 25th day of me living in this hell hole. In these last few days, I realized lots of things. I realized I won't ever be rescued. To me, there are only two options: Either die of hunger and help the monsters quench theirs. Or get caught by them and get eaten alive.

I don't have any strength left inside me. I don't think I will survive the night. I finally remembered that girls name. It's Mary! Mary Jane! I remember seeing her laugh, I saw her paper blank face in my dreams. I think I was her companion. Or maybe, I'm the one who did that to her? I don't know. But I know, I don't remember anything about myse